



Holyoke Heritage State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

APRIL & MAY 2023 PROGRAMS

Programs are **FREE** and open to the public. **All programs meet at the Visitor Center.** Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Dress for the weather. Severe weather cancels. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID). For program information or status, call (413) 534-1723.

**OPEN
TUESDAYS
THROUGH
SUNDAYS**

VISITOR CENTER, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

Located at 221 Appleton Street in Holyoke. Accessible by [PVTa public transit](#). Free admission. Open year-round. Closed Mondays. Exhibits depict Holyoke's affluent industrial mill era. Park information, restrooms, drinking water, wheelchair accessible. Also visit neighboring [Holyoke Merry-Go-Round](#), [Children's Museum at Holyoke](#), and [International Volleyball Hall of Fame](#).

**TUESDAYS
THROUGH
SATURDAYS**

STORYWALK®, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

For young readers and their families. Combine a walk outdoors along the park sidewalks with reading a delightful children's book and you have a StoryWalk®. April features "*One Earth*" by Eileen Spinelli. May features: "*We Planted a Tree*" by Diane Muldrow.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

THURSDAYS

KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

For ages 3-6 and their families or caretakers. Each week explore a new topic: spiders, birds, trees, or worms. Program includes a story, activities and a craft. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**FRIDAYS,
EXCEPT
APR. 14**

HOLYOKE REVITALIZATION TOUR

9:00—11:00 a.m.

For ages 12 to adult. Join a park interpreter and explore revitalization efforts in downtown Holyoke. Easy walking tour, about 1 mile. Visit businesses that have put new life back into old mill buildings. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**SATURDAYS,
EXCEPT
APRIL 22,
MAY 27**

WELCOME BACK MIGRANT BIRD WALK

9:00—11:00 a.m.

For teens and up. Search for birds returning from their winter "vacation" in the south. Search Holyoke Heritage and Pulaski Parks. Easy walk, 1-2 miles. Bring binoculars; a few are available to borrow. Spotting scope also available. Meet at the Visitor Center.

MORE PROGRAM LISTINGS ON THE BACK

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coming events



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PROGRAM LISTINGS CONTINUED

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 1
THROUGH
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 31**

“ETHEREAL DIVERSITY: THE ELOQUENCE OF SHARED EXPERIENCE”, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

On exhibit in the Visitor Center gallery. Enjoy artworks by one who has made Holyoke his home. J. Bryant II shares vibrant pieces that invoke joy and imagination. Through color pencil and ink, as well as illustrative marker and watercolor, his artworks express the beauty of uniqueness and a vivid view of the simplicity in the shared moment.

APRIL SCHOOL VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 15—
SUNDAY,
APRIL 23**

HERE COME THE FISH!, ONGOING

For children and families. Shad and other fish are coming upriver to spawn. Come pick a fish page to color and post on our river mural in the Visitor Center.

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 19**

SCAT AND SKULLS, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Ages 12 to adult. Join guest presenter Robert Kidd, retired adjunct professor at Westfield State University. Learn how to identify strange clues you might find during a hike.

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 20**

KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to this nature-based story, activity, and craft program.

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 21**

HOLYOKE REVITALIZATION TOUR, 9:00—11:00 a.m.

For ages 12 to adult. See previous side for details.

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 22**

EARTH DAY TABLE, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Stop by to do something friendly for the earth. Make your own reusable shopping bag.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

**SATURDAY,
MAY 27
&
SATURDAY,
JUNE 3**

CANAL AND FISHWAY TOUR, 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

For ages teen and up. Two tours in one! Holyoke’s canals were key to this planned industrial city. Easy 1 mile walking tour of 1st and 2nd level canals. Discover how they were built and how they work. Walk ends at the HG&E’s Robert Barrett Fishway. Take a guided tour of the powerhouse and amazing fish lift. **Tour limit 15 people;** to register: call 413-534-1723, or email nancy.condon@mass.gov.